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Zolkiew, February 18.

THE Count *Cziski*, who was sent by the Emperour about Two Moneths ago to the Hospodar of *Valachia*, to make some Overtures to induce him to quit his Engagements with the *Turks*, and to enter into an Alliance wi h the Emperor and this Crown, is come back, and has given the King of *Poland* an account, that the Hospodar, having notice of his approach to the place of his Residence, sent one of his chief Ministers to desire him to advance no farther, and to receive what Proposals he was charged with, for that he could not himself see him, without giving jealousie to the *Turks*, which might be very prejudicial to him. The Count thereupon declared his Commission to this Person who came to meet him, but, finding by his manner of receiving it, that he could not promise himself any success in his Negotiation, did not think fit to stay for the Hospodar's Answer, but hastned his return hither, that he might from hence inform his Imperial Majesty of his proceeding, and expect his farther Orders. We have advice that the Grand Visier *Solyman* has written to the Prince of *Transilvania*, and to the Hospodars of *Moldavia* and *Valachia*, to have their Forces ready to join the *Ottoman* Army in the beginning of *May*, assuring them, the better to dispose them to comply with this command, that the Grand Signior will Protect them against the Arms of the Christians, and will make those Principalities Hereditary to their Children. The King of *Poland* intends to remove from hence the next Month to *Lembergh*.

Vienna, March 7. We have an account from *Upper Hungary*, that General *Caraffa* having left a good Garison in the Fortress of St. *Fob*, advanced to *Debrezen*, to oblige that City to pay the Contributions they had submitted to, after which, the weather being very cold, he returned to his Quarters. They write from *Zolnocke*, that the Count *de Peterhasy* had surprized a Party of *Turks*, and taken several Prisoners, among which were two Aga's, who, its said, have offered a very considerable Sum of Money for their Ransom. But at the same time we are told, that the *Turks* had fallen upon some of our Foragers, and had cut off about 100 Men. Count *Teckeley* according to the last advices, was still at *Great Waradin*. The States of *Croatia* have resolved to encrease the Number of the Forces they maintain for the Emperor's Service.

Vienna, March 14. The Emperor has sent 200000 Florins to General *Caprara*, to pay his Forces in *Upper Hungary*; That General, as our last Letters told us, intended to part from *Caschaw* the 9th of this Month to besiege *Montgatz*, in which, it's said, is a Garison of 2000 Men. The Letters from *Zolnocke* say, that *Teckeley* was carried back Prisoner to *Belgrade*, for that he could not perform what he had promised; That the *Turks* assembled in considerable Bodies near *Gyula* and *Zigeth*, and that a Party of 300 of their Horse advancing towards *Saravas* had been defeated by the *Hungarians* commanded by *Peterhasy*, many of them being killed upon the place, and two Aga's taken Prisoners, who offer 200 Christian Prisoners for their Ransom. On the other side, the *Turks* have taken 100 of our Foragers, and 150 Horses, which they carried to *Pest*; In revenge whereof, the *Hussars* of *Comorra* made an Incursion as far as *Buda*, from whence they brought back much Booty, having repulsed a Party of 250 *Turks* which came out from *Buda* to attack them, and taken several Prisoners. We have likewise advice, that the *Imperialists*, having drawn together from *Raab*, *Comorra*, *Papa* and *Vesprin*, marched with several pieces of Cannon and Mortars towards the Castle of *Sebwar*, which very much incommoded them, and made themselves Masters of it, the *Turks* in Garison there, so soon as our Cannon and Mortars began to play, desiring a Parley, and afterwards Capitulating, to march out with what they could carry on their backs; The *Imperialists* have put a good Garison into the place which is scituated between *Vesprin* and *Alba Regalis*. We have an account from the Turkish quarters, that the new Grand Visier has changed all the Commanders in their Frontier places; that he has caused several Bassa's, and other principal Officers who served the last year in the Army of *Hungary*, to be strangled and that he has made Bassa *Abdis Amon* Serasquier or General of the *Ottoman* Forces in *Hungary*, tho he declares at the same time that he will go himself into the Field this Summer; and, that his Army may be composed of the best Troops the *Turks* have left, those that served the last Campagne against the *Poles* are, it's said, ordered to come into *Hungary*, and the new-rais'd Forces will be employ'd on that side, with which are to joyn the *Tartars*, the *Moldavians*, and *Valachians*. Some persons who came lately from *Gran* assure us, that there is such want of Provisions in the Turkish Territories, especially towards the Frontiers, that the people are forced to feed upon Acorns, which causes a great mortality among them. The Duke of *Lorrain* is expected here the beginning of the next month from *Inspruck*, to assist at a great Council of War that is appointed to be then held for the regulating the Operations of the Campagne. In the mean time the discourse here is, that the Imperialists will begin it with the Siege of *Alba Regalis*.

Cologne, March 23. The Officers that are making